N.O notes

1/23/69 Bud & I, delayed last night when stayed with Barbara, getting to sleep late. At 7:30 a.m. Steve Bordelon phoned to say Jim would meet us at the office at 8:15. We rushed & had getting there close to this time. The office was still locked. We saw Jim about 10 a.m. We began by going through the [illegible] Lol stuff, the Washington suit, etc. Bud left to catch a 1:25 flight to Montreal and Jim & I continued, discussing the effects.

I told him Joffe has been saying that he got the office copy of the Z film & gave it to Lemann & else that he knew L. had stopped off in N.O. & had gotten it from Charlie Ward. I said if these were lying this is worse than the truth. I note that Jim did not deny the possibility of either. He did say that L claimed to have gotten a copy from Steve Jenkins, to which I responded that he also said they had two copies & that one was much better than the other. His, I said, was a poor & probably a composite with detectable characteristics. I could not help wondering afterward if it were possible that Joffe did get the office copy & then they worked up the Ward cover.

On Lemann, Jim said he had gone to him immediately on Jim's girl friends, including the Ullman woman, whom he described as beautiful. In telling that Palmer rented from her he neglected to let the others know (this was before the separation) (his leaving) that he had not disclosed this & that when he & his office had not, I had.

He persists in believing the men in the "tramp" pictures have connection with the assassination as participants. Silently, he seemed to agree with my suggestion that [illegible] need for perspective: that ~~[illegible]~~ none was possible from the big car to the place it was, two three blocks south of Main & that the presence of these not attested to the

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operation jeopardize ~~it~~ it and them needlessly.
I told him how I had learned his location & the names of the arresting police. I also told him some of [illegible] [illegible] clearly not.

He told me that when he first met Lamarre he suggested the change of title to "Farewell America".

He has no more faith in Turner & wonders ~~[illegible]~~ if he could be an agent. I suggested he need not be but also put it on this basis: what he is is not the thing, what he does & did is the measure. When I pointed out that he kept, from my own information, coming up with nothing that stands up & is related to his case, he agreed. He seems, however, to hang on to the belief that there may be something to the Bradley story. I explained how T & Boxley corroborated each other, B on Turner's Bradley stuff, that cannot be informed of forces from a ~~[illegible]~~ dubious source, and T doing the same in N.O. on the Jimmy Pierson [illegible] stuff. ~~[illegible]~~ He readily understood that each was lending his prestige and influence with Jim to the other. He also said that he has heard nothing from Jim since he fired B., & that the day or the day after he did Rose was on the phone seeking either Bailey or Palmer & no one else. He speaks of R as an agent & says he also tried to keep Jim away from Brown as Billings also did. He came in to see me in the Journal office Wednesday on Thursday. Matt was there. I told him the Goudet story. He was interested. He told me he wanted me to have the Rose pictures. Louis made copies for me so I can send them around, together with the [illegible] story. I will send one of each to you. We checked the city directory & found the LAR in it in 1962, as I recall next to the management or [illegible] office. I asked for copies of all the LAR pages of the directories beginning with 1960 & he got Bradley to get them done. He was interested in the LAR story & connections

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He showed a photograph copy of the autopsy & I made one for Kevin & another for Gonzales to whom Bud & I took after lunch [illegible] [illegible] for some time at the Fontainebleau. I also showed him, in confidence, some of the other medical stuff & showed it to him.

I spent some time trying to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for personal reasons (he has written from Internal Revenue, Intelligence Division — & he first [illegible] [illegible] them out & then put them out), but because the govt seems to him to be trying to connect him to the current case. I showed him some of the medical stuff and Kevin the Green story (Kevin was fascinated & regards the Jeff Family just as I [illegible] [illegible]).

Miss [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] all of the money back. I had talked to Kevin but others. I spoke to him about it today when he left the office.

The arrangement, on the D C trial is that, if Vinca is satisfied, Kevin will go ahead with Bud in charge. I know a letter that Bud will get if Vinca is satisfied. [illegible] is to call him if he is to come down this weekend.

I told him the situation as he [illegible] [illegible] showed no sense of the change that was go- [illegible], of [illegible] refusal to talk to me by phone. He then told me he had insisted on the removal of the [illegible] as they the trial would be dropped if they didn't get the [illegible] & X-rays & those [illegible] demanded. [illegible] had said Kevin [illegible] to ~~[illegible]~~ [illegible] [illegible]. I told him it was all done in advance of any D.C. ruling by the judges & he understood